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Colorado

Animas River spill: Navajo Nation angry at EPA

Navajo Nation President Russel Begaye has repeatedly called out the EPA

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28651849/navajo-nation-angry-at-epa

New Mexico, Utah drop water restrictions after Colorado mine spill

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28649740/new-mexico-utah-drop-water-restrictions-after-colorado

230 Colorado mines are leaking heavy metals into state rivers

Nobody tracks total discharge, likely equal to at least one Gold King disaster every two days — impairing rivers and streams

http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_28647978/colorado-faces-230-mines-leaking-heavy-metals-into

Animas River spill's political fallout defies expectations

Hickenlooper cast aside health concerns and drank from river; EPA's McCarthy touted river's resilience

http://www.denverpost.com/politics/ci_28647823/animas-river-spills-political-fallout-defies-expectations

Animas River spill makes Silverton even warier of EPA

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28644587/spill-makes-silverton-even-warier-epa

EPA plans water treatment system for Gold King mine

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28645132/epa-plans-water-treatment-system-gold-king-mine

Animas River open for recreational use, sheriff said

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28641783/animas-river-open-recreational-use-sheriff-said

Animas River spill: Hurdles remain at Gold King

http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_28638259/hurdles-remain-at-gold-king

The frustrating wait for the EPA

http://www.denverpost.com/editorials/ci_28642847/frustrating-wait-epa

Who's to blame for a toxic river? (6 letters)

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/eletters/2015/08/15/whos-to-blame-for-a-toxic-river-6-letters/38802/>

Parade in Durango to celebrate re-opening of Animas River

<http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2015/08/17/parade-in-durango-to-celebrate-re-opening-of-animas-river/31845273/>

Geology, drainage, laws decrease odds of toxic mine spill in Teller, El Paso counties

<http://gazette.com/geology-drainage-laws-decrease-odds-of-toxic-mine-spill-in-teller-el-paso-counties/article/1557504>

Utah, New Mexico clear San Juan River for drinking water

<http://gazette.com/utah-new-mexico-clear-san-juan-river-for-drinking-water/article/1557490>

Critics of carbon regulations using Colorado mine spill to skewer EPA

<http://gazette.com/critics-of-carbon-regulations-using-colorado-mine-spill-to-skewer-epa/article/1557444>

Cotter mill comment open

<http://www.chieftain.com/news/region/3852519-120/cotter-documents-health-budget>

Editorial: What a waste

<http://www.chieftain.com/opinion/editorials/3845625-120/publisher-epa-frank-hoag>

Oil and gas spill report for Aug. 17

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/17717055-113/oil-and-gas-spill-report-for-aug-17>

Obama's Clean Power Plan to fight climate change

<http://www.postindependent.com/news/17702882-113/obamas-clean-power-plan-to-fight-climate-change>

Montana

Colorado spill a blip in legacy of leaking abandoned mines

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/colorado-spill-a-blip-in-legacy-of-leaking-abandoned-mines/article_31e403b3-bdb2-596e-abc0-950f0b158da8.html

Obama's climate change proposals face stiff legal challenges this fall

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/obama-s-climate-change-proposals-face-stiff-legal-challenges-this/article_798a75a1-dfb2-50e1-931b-28d6be629678.html

Letter: Smith River: Stop proposed mining operation

http://missoulian.com/news/opinion/mailbag/smith-river-stop-proposed-mining-operation/article_89b53cac-ad0b-5094-9f92-c4bdc8b409dd.html

Climate change: CO2 levels outpacing geologic time

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Opinion: Wind energy can help MT meet Clean Power Plan

http://missoulain.com/news/opinion/columnists/wind-energy-can-help-mt-meet-clean-power-plan/article_4a81762b-d6a3-575c-8313-1612a1373fb8.html

Clearing the Water: What EPA's New Clean Water Rule Means for Montana

http://missoulain.com/news/opinion/columnists/clearing-the-water-what-epa-s-new-clean-water-rule/article_84d5a59c-0dd2-5834-9dc0-4b79aa60a714.html

Withdraw waters rule until EPA can develop new one

http://missoulain.com/news/opinion/mailbag/withdraw-waters-rule-until-epa-can-develop-new-one/article_37ab9e0d-2cc4-56da-b0b2-fe530ad7d42b.html

Governor declares fire emergency

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/governor-declares-fire-emergency/article_1bee4f25-8bf0-5aef-93ac-04c5dca54dc8.html

10,000 wells drilled in the Bakken, 50,000 to go, mineral resources director says

http://billingsgazette.com/business/wells-drilled-in-the-bakken-to-go-mineral-resources-director/article_39c28693-ef38-535c-a6b1-40d7a3fb96f5.html

Butte citizens show support for cleaning up contaminated ground

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/butte-citizens-show-support-for-cleaning-up-contaminated-ground/article_b0cbf3bc-6233-5a64-baf1-e6ae1f2dbb99.html

Smoke prompts air quality alert for southwest Montana

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/smoke-prompts-air-quality-alert-for-southwest-montana/article_02c43c1b-048f-51be-b0d6-14cdb22e9681.html

Wyoming to host international coal conference in October

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/wyoming-to-host-international-coal-conference-in-october/article_3fb98a57-4806-52ab-ad13-5d42518bc86a.html

Montanore Minerals wins another legal battle

http://www.thewesternnews.com/members/montanore-wins-another-legal-battle/article_b9b4bd4c-4295-11e5-a09c-b3ff97b1db34.html

North Dakota

Clean Power Plan

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/opinion/mailbag/clean-power-plan/article_37e769e9-d55b-5309-9a57-7a8a213cf166.html

South Dakota

Editorial: Wyoming can overcome coal's new challenge

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/opinion/editorial/theirs-wyoming-can-overcome-coal-s-new-challenge/article_328b2c29-7e69-5a86-876d-cc4aced6fbcf.html

South Dakota's ethanol boon could fade

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2015/08/14/south-dakotas-ethanol-boon-fade/31743425/>

Utah

Utah's national parks are close to failing the clean air test

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2839475-155/utahs-national-parks-are-close-to>

Mine spill sediment reaches Lake Powell, but Utah regulators say the water is safe

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2836697-155/mine-spill-sediment-reaches-lake-powell>

Animus River reopens after massive EPA contamination

<http://kutv.com/news/local/animus-river-reopens-after-massive-epa-contamination>

Utah clears San Juan River for drinking water

<http://www.thespectrum.com/story/news/local/2015/08/16/utah-clears-san-juan-river-drinking-water/31827865/>

EPA's Next Headache: Political Fallout From Mine Spill

<http://kuer.org/post/epas-next-headache-political-fallout-mine-spill>

Colorado Spill Heightens Debate Over Future of Old Mines

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230 Colorado mines are leaking heavy metals into state rivers

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California fires fill Utah skies with smoke

<http://kutv.com/news/local/california-fires-fill-utah-skies-with-smoke>

Firefighters reining in three wildfire across northern Utah

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2843875-155/firefighters-reining-in-three-wildfires-across>

Fire near shooting range could take days to put out

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865634667/Fire-near-shooting-range-could-take-days-to-put-out.html>

Proposed Utah railroad clearing environmental hurdle, but how to pay for it?

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2826925-155/proposed-utah-railroad-clearing-environmental-hurdle>

Envision Survey: Utahns want renewable energy

<http://www.thespectrum.com/story/news/2015/08/16/envision-survey-utahns-want-renewable-energy/31790265/>

Animas River pollution emphasizes lack of environmental foresight

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865634635/Animas-River-pollution-emphasizes-lack-of-environmental-foresight.html>

Clean energy conversion well under way without economic fallout

<http://www.sltrib.com/opinion/2835613-155/op-ed-clean-energy-conversion-well-under>

Indian Country Today

Navajo President Warns Against Signing EPA Claim Forms for Mine Spill Damage

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/08/17/navajo-president-warns-against-signing-epa-claim-forms-mine-spill-damage-161408>

21 Youth Activists Sue Obama Administration and U.S. Government Over Climate Change

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/08/15/21-youth-activists-sue-obama-administration-and-us-government-over-climate-change-161405>

Navajo Nation 'Weeping' as Toxic Mining Spill Flows Through Reservation

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/08/14/navajo-nation-weeping-toxic-mining-spill-flows-through-reservation-161395>

New York Times

Colorado: Animas River Reopened After Spill of Toxic Waste

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Fifteen U.S. States Seek to Block EPA Carbon Rule

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/08/13/us/13reuters-climatechange-cleanpower-plan.html>

Critics of Carbon Regulations Using Mine Spill to Skewer EPA

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/08/15/us/politics/ap-us-mine-waste-leak-political-fallout.html>

EPA Tightens Rules for Greenhouse Gas Emissions at Landfills

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/08/14/us/politics/ap-us-landfill-methane-rules.html>

The Latest: EPA Says No Risk From Colorado River Sediments

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/08/14/us/ap-us-mine-waste-leak-the-latest.html>

Britain Changes Rules to Fast-Track Shale Gas Permits

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/08/13/business/13reuters-britain-shale-legislation.html>